



May 27, 2010

Mr. Jeff deBessonnet  
Director, Water Facilities Permitting, Bureau of Water  
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Subject: S.C. Source Water Protection Policy

Dear Mr. deBessonnet,


In the December 3, 2009 letter we sent Mr. David Wilson on this subject, we stated that "our understanding is that you intend to continue to implement the source water protection program as a policy and will propose specific language to be incorporated into South Carolina Regulation 61-68, Water Classifications and Standards during the next triennial review cycle". We are stakeholders in the current water quality triennial review process that was noticed in the March 26, 2010 State Register as a Notice of Drafting. In a conversation we had on May 18, 2010 with you, Ms. Gina Kirkland, Mr. John Litton, and Ms. Melinda Vickers, discussing the current water quality triennial review process, we strongly recommended that the recently revised source water protection policy remain as policy for two or more years before the drafting of proposed source water protection regulations. We believe this to be a prudent path forward as it will allow time for the new policy to be implemented in several NPDES permits and thus provide an opportunity for both the department and regulated entities to see how the policy impacts these permits. Our recommendation reflects the position of the SC Chamber of Commerce Environmental Technical Committee and the SC Manufacturers Alliance Environmental Committee.

On behalf of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance and the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committees, we request that you continue to implement the source water protection program as policy for at least another two years, before drafting regulations that would incorporate the current policy into R.61-68. If you have any questions, please contact me at 704-408-9810 or Vernon Osteen at 803-557-6487.

Sincerely,



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South Carolina Manufacturer's Alliance



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